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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said--"EMPRESS'"

Everybody Will Be Doing It!

Trying to catch the Mysterious \$1.00 person on the night of the Big St. Valentine Masquerade Dance.

The idea is this: On Monday evening, February 15th, there will be held in Empress a St. Valentine Masquerade Dance.

A feature of the evening, which will add considerably to the enjoyment thereof will be the catching of the mysterious dollar person, and exclaiming "You are the Mysterious Dollar Person." The only condition is that the individual catching this mysterious person must produce a receipted bill of \$1.00 or more from any business man whose advertisement has appeared in the last issue of the Empress Express. The bill must not be dated earlier than Feb. 6, 1915. Every person is entitled to one chance only. Remember, the slightest error will put you out of the running, so be particular for the manner in which you capture this mysterious person must be as stated above.

Providing this person should be successful in eluding capture up to the refreshment interval then he or she will receive the prize themselves. Five dollars is a good sum these times and every person present should try to win this prize.

Added to the above, prizes will be given for most original costumes (comic or otherwise), 1st, special prizes, lady and gentlemen; 2nd prizes, two 2 year subscriptions to the Empress Express; 3rd prizes, two 1 year subscriptions to the Empress Express.

The dance is already being spoken of as being probably the most successful of the season and lots of enjoyment is expected.

Prizes for costumes will be given by popular vote, everybody voting.

Dancing starts at nine p.m. sharp. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

Admission: Gentlemen, \$1.00. Ladies free.

The Government Remount buyer is expected to be at Empress during the second week in February. Exact date is not known yet.

Don't Forget

the St. Valentine Masquerade

Dance

Monday, Feb. 15

Fire Completely Destroys Store of H. P. Gregg

The Gent's Furnishing Store of H. P. Gregg, corner of 3rd Avenue and Centre Street, was completely destroyed by fire at midnight on Tuesday, February 23rd. The fire was discovered by F. Handley who, while passing the store, heard the sound of glass breaking, which led him to make a closer investigation; disclosing the interior of the store to be ablaze. He immediately gave an alarm, but too big an hold had been obtained by the fire when the engine was got to work, and efforts were confined to protection of adjoining buildings.

The total loss of building and stock is placed at \$8,000, the amount of insurance carried being \$6,000. Whether he will rebuild, or what Mr. Gregg properly organized fire brigade be formed and the question of fire protection be gone into thoroughly. We cannot have too much protection.

Every possible help was given by the citizens and it is to their credit that the fire was prevented from spreading. Empress has no buildings to lose, and would soon policy that a properly organized fire brigade be formed and the question of fire protection be gone into thoroughly. We cannot have too much protection.

Empress Team Meet Defeat at Cabri

Accompanied by a few supporters the Hockey Team left early Tuesday morning to meet the Cabri team on their own ice. The previous game between these teams had led us to believe that a very good even game would result from this match but our hopes were doomed to disappointment.

The game consisted of two twenty minute halves. On the start our boys had a shade the better of the play which was confined to the Cabri goal. However, after the game had been in progress only just over four minutes serious hurt was done to a knee of the captain, D. Aston, which prevented him from taking further part in the game, which was reduced to six man hockey. The loss of Aston, who is probably the strongest player on the Empress team, had a disastrous effect. The men had not to their knowledge, given offence to raise play of that nature, and though they played the full time their interest in the game was practically nonexistent; and Cabri were returned winners of a mediocre game by a margin of 9 goals to nil.

It appears that our Cabri friends had taken offense at an article in an outside paper which had reference to their previous game at Empress and they nursed this feeling in the game. Explanations were arrived at afterwards by both teams which cleared away this misunderstanding and the Cabri boys saw they were labouring under a misapprehension. We would like to see a third game played between these teams on the Empress ice, for it is our opinion that a good close game would result.

In every other way the Cabri people did all possible to make the visit of the Empress team a pleasant one. A rig met them at the station and the

visitors were treated to a drive around Cabri town. A dance was held in the evening in honor of the occasion supper being provided; and other various efforts were made by the Cabri people to give all possible pleasure to their guests, and it is only to be regretted that the earlier happenings in regard to the game should have taken place.

PROGRAMME OF THE FRATERNAL CLUB CONCERT

Grand Theatre Empress, Tuesday next, February 2nd

1 Instrumental selection—Messrs. Franklin and Sexton
2 Quartette

The Empress Four

3 Recitation—"Cowboy's X-mas Ball" F. Corby

4 Song—"Boys of the King" H. Handley

5 Song—"We're all waiting for a girl" F. W. Davis

6 Duet—Mrs. Peters and Miss Davis

7 Song—"The Matrimonial Handicap" W. H. G. Horn

8 Pie Eating Contest—Empress Champions

9 Song—"Bye-bye my Caroline" F. Corby

10 Duet—"The Trail Sisters" 11 Quartette

The Empress Four

12 Song—"Hiawatha," in costume Mrs. W. Engelbrecht

13 Patriotic Song—J. M. Waggett

Concluding with Novelties Vaudeville Act, entitled—"HAVE A BERNZADA"

Admission: 15 cents.

THE IRRIGATION QUESTION

A short while ago, a very good paper was given by Dr. Hagley at the Fraternal Club on the C.P.R. Irrigation System at Bussano; many questions were asked re irrigation and its benefits. We reprint the following article from a contemporary. The article has reference to the possibilities of irrigation at Barons. This article we believe, deals with questions not touched on by Dr. Hagley, and should have an especial interest for the farmer.

"There are some localities where irrigation is a decided success, and other places where it is a decided failure.

(Anyone that ever practiced irrigation knows that after the system is constructed it is expensive to maintain, and it is expensive to arrange for the distribution of water both before and after it reaches the land.

If there are some places where it is profitable to use, and other places where it is unprofitable, there must be some

dividing line between the different localities.

The farmers in the C.P.R. irrigation block east of Calgary are almost unanimous in saying it does not pay them to irrigate and most of them agree it is a detriment to most crops.

At Lethbridge most of the farmers seem to agree that there are sufficient benefits derived from its use to make it a profitable investment.

If the farmers in these two localities are right (and they probably are) then there must be a dividing line somewhere between the Big Bow River and the Belly River and it may be near Barons. So it behooves every land owner in that locality to look closely to his own particular conditions.

To do this he should first look to the lay of his land and determine if it lays right for irrigation. It should have a gradual slope so water will flow over it well, but not so much as to cause it to wash on well prepared land for crops and it should have a good natural drainage so that water will not stand in any low place and drown the crop.

If you decide the surface is right for the application of water, look to the under-drainages which is of far more importance.

Anyone can do this by sinking test holes. If it is found that you strike gumbo, before you encounter a strata of sand or gravel, the irrigation is likely to give the same results as it does in the Gleichendistrict.

Now, in regard to another

phase of the question. The idea which some people have, that dry farming methods rob the soil of fertility is a great mistake. When land is being worked by summerfallow, it is continually taking in fertility from the sun and air, and every time it is swarded with a harrow or tool, the energies for crop production are being worked into the soil.

Potato vines are continually taking from both sun and air elements required to produce grain crops.

Field peas also are next to the alfalfa plant for building up the soil. Both potatoes and field peas can be profitably grown by dry farm methods.

Do not run away with the idea that irrigation will make your land sell for a big price. That will depend entirely upon the results obtained by the irrigation.

In the Gleichen district today a good piece of land without a water right will sell for more money than the same kind of land lying by the side of it with a water tax upon it.

—W. D. Trego

A very nice sociable evening was spent by the members of the Men's Fraternal on Wednesday evening. The program of the evening was confined to Progressive Five Hundred. Refreshments were provided and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Praise is due the committee for the amount of work and time expended in getting things in readiness for the evening's entertainment, and thanks owing to Mr. W. G. O. Paul for the tables and chairs lent by him.

German Cruiser Sunk Two Damaged in North Sea Battle

London, Jan. 24.—An attempt by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the attack recently made on Scarborough, the Hartlepool and other British coast towns was frustrated today by the British patroling squadron and in a running fight the German armored cruiser Blucher was sunk and two German battle cruisers were seriously damaged. The British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known, only 123 of the "Blucher's" crew of 885 were saved.

The "Blucher" was a cruiser of 15,500 tons displacement, and although commissioned in 1908 was completely re-fitted last year. She was not classed as a battle cruiser, but was in the next class to the formidable fighters. With her was the "Dorfflinger," Germany's latest battle cruiser, which had just left the builders' hands, and the battle-cruisers "Seydlitz" and "Moltke," the latter a sister ship of the "Goeben," formerly of the German navy but now of the Turkish fleet which was recently reported damaged by the Russians in the Black Sea.

The British squadron commanded by Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, who also was in command at the battle of Heligoland last August, consisted of the battle-cruisers "Tiger," "Lion," "Princess Royal," "New Zealand," and "Indomitable."

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FRIDAY, JAN. 20th, 1915

Leaders From Leland

January 25

Well digging is the order of
the day in the eastern part of
the district.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. West
Hutchinson, a boy. No vacant
homesteads left here now, son-
ny.

The dance at Niel McLeod's
Tuesday night, was well attend-
ed in spite of the inclemency of
the weather.

Mrs. T. E. Rudd, returned on
Wednesday's train to Sharrow
after having spent some weeks
visiting at Carmangoy and
some other western cities, in-
cluding also a visit to Medicine
Hat.

Herb, Demorest and Gordon
Mills made a trip to Wilcox.
Ranch last week, and returned
with a bull belonging to the
former which had strayed in
that direction.

The question has been brought
up as to what constitutes the
Leland district and what the
Social Plains. For convenience
sake we would say geographi-
cally speaking that the dividing
line lies about 50° 45' N. Lat-
tude. Socially, however, we
are glad to say there is no di-
vision.

We were very sorry to learn
of the death at Medicine Hat
on the 12th inst. of Mr. Anton
Ehardt. Mr. Ehardt has
been ailing for some months,
but his demise was rather un-
expected as there had been
some improvement in his health.
His bereaved wife has the sin-
cerest sympathy of the entire
neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs.
Ehardt came originally from
the war-stricken country of Al-
sace, the former being born
there under the German flag
and the latter under the French
flag.

"Who writes those Leland Jim-
Jam-Jams?"

Although you have had no
need to;

You've probably asked that
several times.

But why such worry? We do.

R. M. of Acadia, No. 241

Last meeting of the old council

was held in the Acadia Val-
ley hall on Monday, the 4th
Jan., at 10.30 o'clock.

All present but Counsellor
Galusha.

The first business to be taken
up was fence on blind line road
between sections 34 and 27, p.
25, r. 3.

Letter from the Minister of
Municipalities re this road stat-
ed that the whole case as to
whether Mr. Hallman or the
Municipality are liable for ex-
pense of moving fence, hinged
on the agreement the Council
made with Mr. Hallman. Ac-
cordingly the following resolu-
tion was passed: "That it is
the opinion of this Council
that Mr. Hallman is liable for
the removal of this fence, and
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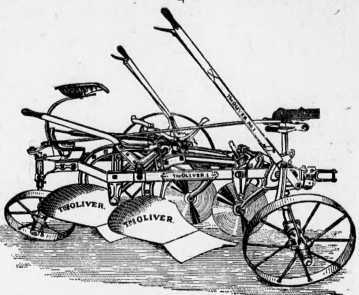
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18.50	Patriola	8.10	19.47	Rosemary	7.52
8.25	Millicent	20.13	Countess	7.26	
20.15	Bassano	8.17	(continued on back page)		

What They are ALL Talking About!

THE BIG
St. Valentine

MASQUERADE

DANCE

Monday, Feb. 15th

The Mysterious \$1 Person will be There

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LOCAL AND GENERAL

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Mrs. B. L. Dawdy and children returned to town on Wednesday.

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Dr. J. C. Eager returned to town on Friday last after an extended absence.

The dance that is different St. Valentine Masquerade, February 15.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bevans, Estuary, were the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. M. Cole on Wednesday.

It is reported that A. Keith is returning with a carload of stock for his homestead in the Leeland district.

Born—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Frost, twin children, daughter and son, at 3 p.m., Wednesday, January 20.

Pennsylvania Hard Coal is the fuel that will give you satisfaction in your furnace or heater. We have it.—Robson & McKelvie.

Dr. J. W. Hagey arrived in town on Wednesday's train from Bassano. He will practice his profession, dentistry, while here.

The referee of the ladies hockey match afterwards received the congratulations of the winners. An observer remarked that the juniors should protest the match. What do you think?

Friends of Mr. D. McIntosh—who left here for Plenty, Sask. a short time back—will be sorry to learn that owing to sickness he is now in the hospital at Rosetown, where he expects to be until the first of next month. He will then proceed to Plenty where he expects to make a short stay.

Mr. H. H. Hall, returned from a trip to Alick, Alberta, on Wednesday, accompanied by his wife they will now make their home here. Mrs. Graham mother of Mrs. Hall, accompanied them also. Mr. F. Flanagan, of Tilley, has been fulfilling the position of station agent here during the absence of Mr. Hall.

Last week's mail brought us a letter from M. A. Monte, and knowing many of our readers will be interested, we reproduce part of his letter: "You are doubtless aware that I am back East. Far from Empress, but just as deeply interested as ever. Awfully sorry I couldn't have stayed with her longer, for Empress is not a bad place after all, and I have knocked around about some since leaving. However, your paper will keep me in touch with things and I shall feel that I am again with the boys—keeping Shepherd busy sweeping the floor about the store and creating a general nuisance at Brown's."

New York is still the same happy-go-lucky town. No war talk, and if it wasn't for the papers continually throwing the fact into your face one would hardly know that we are in the midst of the world's greatest war. Of course, money is light and business poor, but a general feeling of optimism prevails and a long run of prosperity is looked for this coming spring. I sincerely hope that Canada too, will come in for her full share, which she justly deserves. Will try hard to be back in the spring. In the meantime my best wishes are with the people of Empress, and I trust they are already experiencing a change for the best.

Very truly yours,

M. A. Monte."

Mr. F. H. Pearce was indisposed on Thursday.

There will be no show at the Grand Theatre Sat. January 30. "Sherry" Deger gave an exhibition game of pool at Cabri. He emerged from the fray scathless except for the left bicep which got slightly discolored.

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Miss Maudie Watt met with a nasty accident on Tuesday whilst skating, and as the result of a fall sustained a broken collar-bone.

Union Church, Sunday next: Musical service, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," consisting of musical selections and reading. Everybody invited. Usual hour, 7:30.

A ladies hockey match was played at the rink on Friday night last, January 22. The teams were comprised one of senior and one of junior ladies. Much vim and dash was introduced into the play; and the juniors kept their seniors quite busy all the time. The elders ran out final winners by a score of 2 goals to 1. Able assistance was rendered the losers at point by Miss Helen Shepherd whose stick seemed always in the way of the puck. The general play of both sides was much better than expected and the ladies deserve to be complimented on their play.

Rev. J. M. Waggett's

Trip to Edmonton

The Rev. J. M. Waggett returned from Edmonton on Wednesday. He states that a large delegation attended the Moral and Temperance Convention which had convened for the outlining of the prohibition campaign. A gathering of nearly two thousand people assembled on the Friday evening to listen to the speaker from the United States "Flying Squadron," Clinton Howard. Much enthusiasm prevailed at every meeting, so much so, that any casual onlooker, making his conclusions from the expression of the crowd only, would suppose that prohibition was assured for the Province. The U.F.A. were in convention at the same time in the same city, and their representation also dismissed and heartily approved of the movement of the Temperance Party. The U.F.A. delegation numbered five hundred. Mr. Waggett called on members of the Provincial House and interviewed them on the question of an experimental farm for the Empress district. The Hon. Guirap, Minister of Municipalities, asked that a communication be filed, in which case he would take up the affair in our interest with the Hon. Duncan Marsball, Minister of Agriculture. Our readers will remember that a short time ago the Hon. Guirap toured the south and reported to the Government on the likely locations for an experimental farm. Mr. Frank Oliver also spoke very commendably of the idea of Empress going on one after another in the thought expedient for the success of the town. Mr. Waggett was immediately waited upon, on arrival in Edmonton, to address the Alberta College, and on Monday was a speaker at a public gathering in that capital. He says that much interest is manifested in our town by the outside world, and many enquiries were addressed him respecting it's character and likely future.

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Swift Current - Empress

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leaves following day

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8.30 Java 10.09

8.55 Cantuar 10.25

9.20 Success 10.50

9.55 Pennant 10.20

10.20 Batram 13.55

10.55 ar.	Cabri	lv. 13.20
10.55 lv.	Shuckleton	ar. 13.29
11.30	Abbey	12.45
12.30	Lancer	12.15
13.00	Portreeve	10.55
13.25	Lensford	10.25
13.50	Scotie	9.50
14.20	Freife	9.00
14.50	Prussia	8.30
15.20	Westerham	8.00
15.50	Estuary	7.30
16.20	Empress	lv. 7.40
17.00 ar.		

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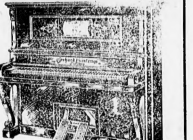
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